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SUBJ: EAST-WEST TRADE ROUNDUP

1. YUGOSLAV VICE-MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE MILICA ZIBERNA SIGNED MAY 9 IN LISBON COMMERCIAL AND TOURISM ACCORDS WITH PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. NO SPECIFIC DETAILS OF ACCORDS WERE RELEASED. PRESS REPORTED THAT ACCORDS ON LAND, MARITIME, AND AIR TRANSPORT ARE ALSO FORESEEN FOR NEAR FUTURE.

2. MAY 12 DIARIO DE NOTICIAS REPORTED POLISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE JERZY OLSZEWSKI WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SAME DAY TO SIGN COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WITH PORTUGAL ON MAY 14.

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BESIDES TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE MINISTERS HE IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT LISNAVE SHIPYARD.

3. THESE ACCORDS FOLLOW A RECENT VISIT (APRIL 28-MAY 2) ON RETURN FROM CUBA BY FOUR-MAN HUNGARIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE-FOREIGN MINISTER JOZES MARJAI. VISIT WAS IN LARGE PART DEISGNE TO IMPLEMENT COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH UNGARY IN JANUARY (LISBON 417 (NOTALL)). PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL SAID THAT AIR AND LAND TRANSPORT AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS WITH HUNGARY ARE ALSO UNDER STUDY.

4. COMMENT: A. WITH SIGNING OF YUGOSLAV AND POLISH ACCORDS ONLY EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY (WITH EXCEPTION, OF COURSE, OF ALBANIA) NOT COVERED BY BILATERAL COMMERCIAL ACCORD WITH PORTUGAL WILL BE ROMANIA.

B. PREVIOUS YUGOSLAV MISSION WHICH WAS TO HAVE SIGNED ACCORD ARRIVED IN MID-MARCH WITH LITTLE FANFARE AND LEFT WITH NONE, DUE TO MARCH 11 CRISIS. IN CONVERSATION AT THAT TIME YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR DISPARAGED PROSPECTS FOR SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN TRADE. HE SAID OPENING OF DIRECT RELATIONS ONLY MEANS THAT PORTUGUESE EXPORTS WILL GO DIRECTLY INSTEAD OF BEING CHANNELED THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES AS WAS CASE UNDER PREVIOUS REGIME.

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